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Hi there,

While I may not be a US citizen, I'm in Canada by the way. Microsoft has abused its monopoly and it should have a remedy put at it. And here's my proposed remedy for it.

- 1. Split it up into 3 companies. One for operating system products. One for Internet software. And the third for any other kind of software.
- 2. Make it open up the API for all of its operating systems, and future operating systems. So that programmers have the same chance to make great products as it does itself.
- 3. Any proprietary feature in its Browser that it has, it must open up so that competitors that make other internet browsers can have that same set of features. In other words, it has to submit it to W3C first, then if its approved, it can then add it to its browser. So then its competitors can have the same features as well.
- 4. When it gives out licenses to OEM's, it cannot limit the OEM to just having its operating system on the computer. This way if the OEM wants to put 2 operating systems on the computer to give its customer's a choice of which operating system to use, or to explore another operating system like linux, while still using windows.
- 5. Give the OEM's a choice of which browser to ship with the operating system. So if an OEM wants to ship Netscape instead of Internet Explorer, it can. And if the consumer wants to use Internet Explorer, then it can download it from Microsoft. Or at the very least, a stripped down browser, with basic download capabilities and html reading so that the consumer can choose which browser to use.
- 6. Open up the samba sharing system, so that competitors can have full access on how to implement it in their operating systems. Including how to access it from their operating system.
- 7. Microsoft cannot limit OEM's as to which software to include and not to include, for example Microsoft cannot give them a lower price or some other deal by only including Microsoft Office and not a competitors Office Suite.

Well there's my ideas on the type of remedy Microsoft should be given. Thanks for listening.

Regards,

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